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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1784

Introduced by Assembly Member Dababneh

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An act to amend Section 1070 of the Financial Code, relating to financial institutions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1784, as amended, Dababneh. State banks.

Existing law defines and regulates state banks and commits the enforcement of banking laws with the Commissioner of Business Oversight. The Banking Law prescribes definitions relating to bank offices and defines a branch office as an office at which core banking business is conducted other than an automated teller machine, a device used to facilitate check guarantee or check authorization, or a remote service facility, as defined.

This bill would provide, in the definitions that apply to regulating bank offices, for the authorization of a bank to participate in a financial education program that involves receiving deposits or paying withdrawals on the premises of a school or school facility. The bill would provide that the school premises or facility will not be considered a branch office of the bank if certain conditions are met.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1070 of the Financial Code is amended
2 to read:
3 1070. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions
4 apply:
5 (a) “Automated teller machine” means any electronic
6 information processing device used by a financial institution and
7 its customers for the primary purpose of executing transactions
8 solely between the financial institution and its customers, if the
9 transactions are not incidental to sales between the customer and
10 a business entity other than a financial institution.
11 (b) “Branch office” means any office at which core banking
12 business is conducted other than an automated teller machine, a
13 device used to facilitate check guarantee or check authorization,
14 or a remote service facility as defined in subsection (d) of Section
15 345.12 of Title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
16 (c) “Core banking business” means the business of receiving
17 deposits, paying checks, making loans, and other activities that
18 the commissioner may specify by order or regulation. “Core
19 banking business,” when used to describe the trust business,
20 includes receiving fiduciary assets and administering fiduciary
21 accounts.
22 (d) “Facility” means an office at which a bank engages in
23 noncore banking business but at which it does not engage in core
24 banking business.
25 (e) “Head office” means the office designated by the bank as
26 its headquarters.
27 (f) “Noncore banking business” means all activities permissible
28 for banks, except core banking business, and except those activities
29 prohibited by law or determined by the commissioner by regulation
30 or order not to be noncore banking business.
31 (g) “Office” means the head office, any branch office, and any
32 facility office of a bank.
33 (h) “Redesignate offices” means (1) the relocation by a bank of
34 its head office to the site of a branch or facility office in this state
35 and the concurrent establishment by the bank of an office at the

1 former site of the head office, or (2) the relocation by a bank of a
2 branch office to the site of a facility office and the concurrent
3 establishment by the bank of a branch or facility office at the
4 former site of the branch office.

5 (i) A bank may participate in a financial education program that
6 involves receiving deposits or paying withdrawals on the premises
7 of, or at a facility used by, a school. The school premises or facility
8 will not be considered a branch office of the bank if:

9 (1) The bank does not establish and operate the school premises
10 or facility in which the program is conducted.

11 (2) Bank employees work at the site only to participate in the
12 program.

13 (3) The program is provided at the discretion of the school.

14 (4) The principal purpose of the program is financial education.
15 For example, a program is educational if it is designed to teach
16 students the principles of personal financial management, banking
17 operations, or the benefits of saving for the future, and is not
18 designed for the purpose of profitmaking.

19 (5) No services are provided to the general public.

20 (6) *The program is conducted in a manner that is consistent*
21 *with safe and sound banking practices and complies with*
22 *applicable law.*